Sick Textile Mills

1060. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills that have fallen sick in the country, State-wise as on 30th September, 1994;

(b) what are the main factors that led to the sickness of those units;

(c) whether Government propose to revive some of these units; and

(d) if so, the details of revival plan drawn up therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) As on 31-10-94, there are 275 textile mills registered with Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) as sick in the country. The State-wise break-up is given below:

State	No. of Mills
Andhra Pradesh	14
Assam	3
Bihar	3
Gujarat	54
Haryana	9
Karnataka	15
Kerala	5
Madhya Pradesh	13
Maharashtra	52
Orissa	4
Punjab	6
Rajasthan	14
Uttar Pradesh	32
West Bengal	14
Chandigarh;	1
Delhi	2
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1
Tamil Nadu	33
TOTAL	275

(b) The main reasons for sickness are financial and labour problems.

(c) and (d) Govt. has set-up a Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction to evolve and manage rehabilitation packages in respect of viable sick mills.

Safety Measures for Handloom Workers

1061. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of handloom workers are working under hazardous conditions in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the safety measures taken in this regard; and

(c) the compensation being given to the victims/next to kin in case of death/fatal injuries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government of India has introduced a Group Insurance Scheme from the year 1992-93. All weavers, whether male or female covered under Thrift Fund Scheme are automatically covered by the Group Insurance Scheme. Under special circumstances, subject to specific approval of Development Commissioner for Handlooms, weavers not covered under Thrift Fund Scheme can also be covered under Group Insurance Scheme. On death/fatal injuries of the member before the terminal date the life insurance benefit amounting to Rs. 10,000/- together with the amount standing to the credit of the member in the Running Account as on the date of his death is payable to the person or persons who has/have been appointed by the member in accordance with the Rules to receive the benefits under the Scheme.